

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

This is just another disgraceful sham from the worst presidential administration in the history of this country. I have read in articles today that your organization says that you haven't time to stop them. Are you truly deluded enough to think for one second that the present occupant of the Oval Office who took an OATH to UPHOLD and DEFEND the Constitution of this Nation plans to lift a finger to stop this propagandistic outrage? Don't bet on it. What we have here, folks, is just another "What, Me Worry?" move from an administration that has raised the art of turning a blind eye to outrage to new and ever more distressing levels. I guarantee that Wednesday night we'll all be treated to images of the Commander in Chief strutting around and smirking like he hasn't a worry in the world, because if HE doesn't know what his handlers are doing then as far as HE'S concerned-it isn't happening. He has no idea what a vacant empty peice of human real estate he is-a man who is no more than a puppet for forces who would prefer that any critical faculty be dredged out of the people of this country and drained away as fast as possible. Do you feel it's your proud fate to be the sponsor of such a trashing of the dignity of the democratic process? Will you sit by and whine that you are the victims of the system?

I say that should elect you sit by and do nothing, wringing your hands bleating all the while "What is to be done?" because you haven't the authority or the time, then yours is no more than just another parasitic bureaucracy hiding behind all the legalistic rhetoric about serving the people and the protection of freedom of expression. You seem to have forgotten, my friends, that the freedom of expression does not include lying and manipulating elections which the Sinclair Group has done. They

have planned this brilliantly. They know the time constraints you are under and have run this scam perfectly while your agency dances like little marionettes. Shame on you for being asleep at the wheel and taking this democracy for granted. You must believe it's a God given right the way our administration seems to think the world energy supply is America's God given right instead of something to be EARNED and WORKED for IN GOOD FAITH and HONOR.

So, it's your choice-will you stand up and do your job or will you roll over and play dead out of fear and adulation of the "Shock and Awe" of big money and corrupt power? Just playing in the arena that we "call" Democracy does NOT guarantee you the respect that you must EARN by working to be the GUARDIANS of that idea.

Thank you.